

Faculty Senate (FS)-- For Your Information and Update

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I. SIUC AS AN R1 INSTITUTION: A GREAT RECOGNITION OF OUR FACULTY WORK WITH MORE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Yueh-Ting Lee, Professor of Psychology and FS President

The highest ranked tier for research universities in the United States is the R1 classification, also known as "Doctoral Universities: Very High Research Activity." It has recently been announced that SIUC has earned this status! We are all very proud of our university's accomplishment and are excited to continue the work to maintain it. In the state of Illinois, there are only three public universities (UIUC, UIC and SIUC) and three private ones (University of Chicago, Northwestern, and Loyola University Chicago) with R1 status. In total, there are only 187 institutions with R1 status in the nation.

Why is it important to us? First, it is a great recognition of our university's research, scholarship, economic development, and doctoral student training/mentorship. Second, it will certainly help us to recruit and retain the best and brightest students and faculty members from various backgrounds nationally and internationally.

With that being said, we will have more challenges and opportunities with the R1 status as we work to maintain our R1 status and to grow our research further. For example, from our university's perspective, some may ask: How shall we match our faculty salaries and pay as an R1 institution commensurate with other R1 peers? Because the state budget and federal support are unstable, increasing our enrollment and fundraising/endowment, and enhancing our academic reputation/innovation and economic impact might be most helpful activities for SIUC Carbondale.

II. A QUICK SUMMARY OF THE FS MATTERS ON FEB 11 AND HEADS UP FOR MARCH'S MEETING

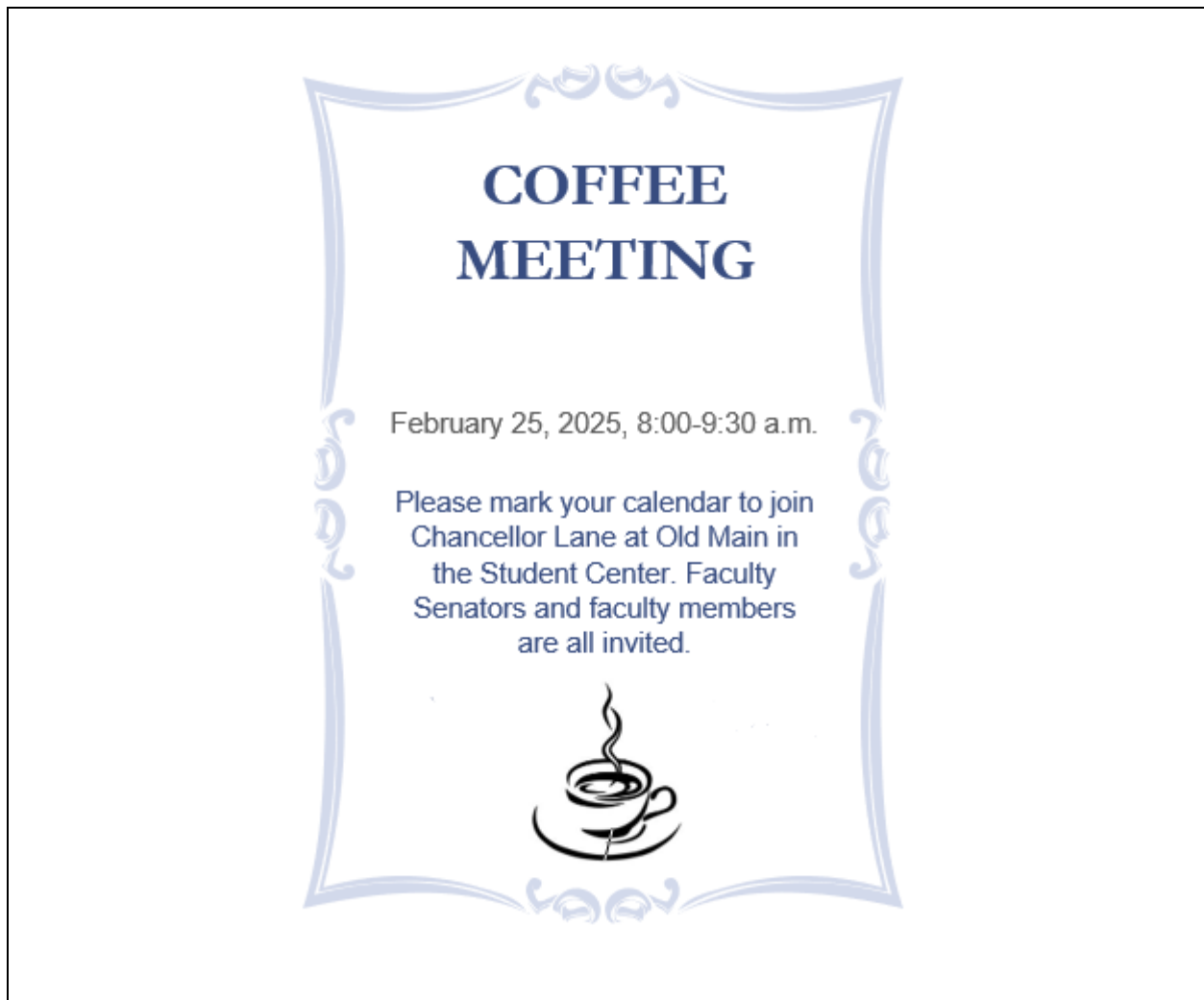
1. The FS met on February 11, 2025. All meeting information, after it is approved by the FS, will be available online via the FS website (<https://facultysenate.siu.edu/agenda-minutes/index.php>). The minutes for the December 10th meeting which were approved in February 2025 are also available there.
 2. We invited the following people as our special guests: Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Jeffery Burgin and VC of ADEI Dr. Paul Frazier. Their presentation information is available upon request via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).
 3. Three resolutions were voted on and approved by the FS at the meeting on February 11, 2025:
 - Resolution to Eliminate BA Photography Specialization
 - Resolution to Eliminate Electronic Journalism Specialization & Rename News/Editorial Specialization
 - Resolution Supporting the Elimination of Fashion Styling Specialization
- If you need a copy of these resolutions, please feel free to contact us via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).
4. Heads up for our next FS meeting: It is on March 18, 2025. If you have anything important to put on our March meeting agenda, please let us know by the end of this month via email (facultysenate@siu.edu).

III. NEW JRB MEMBERS APPROVED BY THE FS

The purpose of the Judicial Review Board (JRB)-- The Judicial Review Board exists to assist the faculty and the administration in resolving grievances and charges of unethical conduct (<https://policies.siu.edu/personnel-policies/chapter4/ch4-faps/grievance-procedure-faculty.php>).

The Faculty Senate voted and approved for the following new and continuing Judicial Review Board (JRB) members: James Conder (School of Earth Systems and Sustainability), Seung-Hee Lee (School of Architecture), Cindy Buys (School of Law), Asghar Esmaeeli (School of Mechanical, Aerospace, & Materials Engineering), and Sukesh Bhaumik (School of Medicine). For other JRB members, please see the website, <https://facultysenate.siu.edu/judicial-review-board/>. We express our great appreciation to those full professors for their voluntary services on the JRB.

IV. COFFEE TIME WITH CHANCELLOR LANE ON FEB 25 MORNING



V. UPDATES FROM THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE

By February 20, 2025

From the Chancellor's Office

R1 for Everyone

SIU Carbondale has reached the pinnacle of research achievement! Our dedicated faculty and students have earned us the prestigious R1 designation in the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, placing us among the nation's top research universities. This monumental accomplishment is a testament to the power of research happening right here on our campus. A special thank you to the faculty who joined us at Monday's celebration at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center – your hard work made this possible!

Saluki Takeover Florida

Saluki pride was on full display in Florida last week! Chancellor Lane, along with representatives from the SIU Foundation, the SIU Alumni Association, and Enrollment Management, spent February 11-13 connecting with Saluki alumni and future Salukis across the state. From high school and community college visits to inspiring events in The Villages, Tampa, and Naples, the trip was a resounding success, leaving everyone feeling proud to represent SIU Carbondale. We returned to campus energized by the connections we made and the stories we heard.

Communications and Marketing

SIU Carbondale's R1 status isn't just an achievement – it's a story worth telling. That's why we're launching a new digital web and billboard campaign in the coming days. We want everyone in our region and across the state to know about the vital research happening at SIU, and we'll be making sure university leaders nationwide hear about it too.

Black History Month

This year's theme was 'African Americans and Labor,' and it focused on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people.

The kick-off was a system-wide affair - "The History of Black History," was held at 5 p.m. February 3, 2025 at the John C. Guyon Auditorium.

Dr. Pamela Smoot, assistant professor of history in the School of History and Philosophy, was the keynote speaker. Dr. Smoot is a 2024 honorable mention recipient of the SIU System's Dr. Wesley G. Robinson-McNeese ADEI Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing faculty and staff members with 20 or more years of documented work creating, sustaining and enhancing antiracism, diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

We wish you a great spring semester. Thank you so much for your service and commitment to SIU and our students!